



Developmental Disabilities Board Area 5

Protecting and advocating for the rights of persons with developmental disabilities in
Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo counties

Mini Grant Available

Up to \$10,000

Focus on Alternatives to Early Start Services

For At-Risk Infants & Toddlers

Deadline October 30, 2009

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities has budgeted \$10,000 per Area Board to be awarded as mini-grants that address unmet needs in that catchment area.

Area Board 5 has chosen to focus the mini grant for 2009 - 2010 on a project for a **maximum of \$10,000** that uses cross-cutting methodology to promote community education and awareness and to shape public policy in response to the loss of Early Start services to at-risk infants and toddlers 0 - 3 years of age. The project(s) chosen must benefit the target population in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, San Francisco, and/or Marin counties.

Preference will be given to projects:

- that could be replicated or used elsewhere;
- that are collaborative and that reflect the values of inclusiveness, independence, productivity and self-determination; and
- that have the potential to leverage additional funding and that maximize the use of the limited funding available by using the latest available technology, media, and other outreach strategies to increase public awareness and to influence public policymaking in this critical area.

The proposed projects must address the following two goals of the 2007-11 State Plan (available at www.scdd.ca.gov click on "State Plan") as follows:

ED1.1 The Council will promote policies that give infants and toddlers and their families access to culturally appropriate and timely diagnosis, services and supports to maximize developmental potential and strengthen families.

Cross-Cutting Goal 1 The Council will use community education and awareness to shape public policy that positively impacts Californians with developmental disabilities and their families.

For an application packet, please call Area Board 5 at 510-286-0439 or e-mail us at ab5@scdd.ca.gov. The funding for the Mini Grants is being provided through the SCDD's Community Program Development Grant (CPDG) program for Federal Fiscal Year 2009-10.

Any project that is funded needs to be completed by June 30, 2010.